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Abstract

A prefastened, pant-like, refastenable, disposable absorbent article and methods of making the same is disclosed. The pant-like disposable absorbent article includes an absorbent chassis and a pair of [opposed side] front and back panels. The absorbent chassis defines a pair of laterally opposed side edges and a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges. The [side panels extend between] opposed back panels are permanently attached to each of the side edges of the absorbent chassis [to define a waist opening and a pair of leg openings in the pant-like disposable absorbent article. Each of the opposed side panels defines a first side margin which is permanently attached to the side edge of the absorbent chassis] in [a] the back waist region of the absorbent article to provide a permanent joint. [Each of the opposed side panels further defines a second side margin opposite the first side margin which is] The opposed front panels are refastenably attached to each of the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region of the absorbent article to provide a refastenable joint. The front and back side panels are permanently connected together along a side seam to define a waist opening and a pair of leg openings in the pant-like disposable absorbent article. In use, the pant-like, prefastened, refastenable, disposable absorbent article can function in a similar manner to conventional training pants when in the prefastened configuration, or they can be unfastened prior to or during use to function in a refastenable manner similar to conventional diapers.